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FINAL MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2008

Board Members

Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President
Caroline Griego, O.D., Vice-President
Robert B. Pinkert, O.D.
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.
Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.
Vacant, Public Member

Staff:

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

Legal Counsel:

Keely Verstegen, Assistant Attorney General

A. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Sorenson

Dr. Sorenson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Ms. Hollins

Board Members Present: Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President
Caroline Griego, O.D., Vice President
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.
Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.
Robert B. Pinkert, O.D.- Dr. Pinkert joined the meeting telephonically at 9:02 a.m..

Legal Counsel Present: Keely Verstegen, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Margaret Whelan, Executive Director
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Sorenson

Dr. Sorenson welcomed the Board's new Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Keely Verstegen.

D. INFORMAL INTERVIEW:

9:00 a.m.

1. ASBOO vs. Mark Hechtman, O.D. IR#200845
ASBOO vs. Neal Weinstein, O.D. IR#200845

Allegation: Potentially illegal practices regarding contact lenses including trial lenses purchase and contact lens prescriptions.

Dr. Sorenson summarized the case and recommended the Board dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometric practice act.

MOTION: Dr. Griego moved to issue a Decree of Censure based on Statutes 32-1701(8)(g) and 32-1701(8)(o) for Unprofessional conduct. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Vacant, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	1	X					
NO	4		X		X	X	X
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT							

VOTE: Motion failed 1-4.

SECONDED MOTION: Dr. Maynard moved to issue a Letter of Concern based on Statutes 32-1701(8)(g) and 32-1701(8)(o) for Unprofessional conduct. Dr. Winkler seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Vacant, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	3		X		X		X
NO	2	X				X	
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT							

VOTE: Motion passed 3-2.

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PENDING REGULAR LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

2. Gill, Navdeep
3. Gill, Susie

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to approve items 2 and 3 for licensure contingent on negative results from DPS fingerprinting report. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PENDING ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS:

4. Edwards, Pierre

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to approve item 4 for licensure. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

5. Lavaux, Joseph

MOTION: Dr. Maynard moved to approve item 5 for licensure. Dr. Pinkert seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AS PROVIDED BY A.R.S. §32-1704(D) and A.A.C. R4-21-209:

Fiscal Year 2009

	Continuing Education	Date	No. of hours requested
a.	Horizon Eye Specialists & Lasik Center	November 6, 2008	2 Regular
b.	Associated Retina Consultants	November 1, 2008	7 Regular

MOTION: Dr. Maynard moved to approve items a and b contingent upon receipt and review of a more specific outline for the courses. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 5-0.

H. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON MANDATING COPE APPROVED COURSES ONLY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR LICENSE RENEWAL:

Dr. Sorenson address the Board regarding COPE approved courses the Board decided to table this matter for a future Board meeting.

I. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

6. September 19, 2008 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Winkler moved to approve Regular Minutes as written. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

J. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

7. Board meetings for 2009

Ms. Whelan reminded the Board to mark their 2009 calendars for the 3rd Friday of every month and that only 6 meetings per year is mandated. And that we have reached our 6 meetings for the year of 2008. Also that Stacy Meier, O.D. has been appointed to the Board to replace Robert Maynard, O.D..

K. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Dr. Sorenson

Dr. Sorenson made a call to the public at 10:57 a.m. Andria Kowalczyk addressed the Board.

Dr. Sorenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m

END OF MINUTES:

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director

Date